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1. IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA THERE IS NO GROUP TRULY ANALOGOUS TO U.S. CSCE COMMISSION. CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN MINISTRY IS OFFICIALLY IN CHARGE OF ALL ASPECTS OF CSCE, BUT ON THE OTHER EXTREME, DISSIDENT INTELLECTUALS, BOTH IN GROUPS -- AS RECENTLY WITNESSED WITH SIGNING OF CHARTER 77 -- AND AS INDIVIDUALS, HAVE TAKEN IT UPON THEMSELVES TO BE CONCERNED WITH CSCE IMPLEMENTATION, PARTICULARLY BASKET III ISSUES. BETWEEN THE TWO EXTREMES, DESIGNATED COMMITTEES AND OFFICES OF POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENTAL BODIES MAY HAVE SOME RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPPORTING GOC POLICY WHEN CALLED UPON TO DO SO, BUT CSCE IS NOT THEIR PRIME FOCUS OF INTEREST.

2. LEADERS OF FEDERAL ASSEMBLY GROUPS WHICH CAN BE EXPECTED TO HAVE SOME RESPONSIBILITY FOR CSCE MATTERS INCLUDE:

JAN MARKO, SLOVAK ECONOMIST WHO SERVED AS CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN MINISTER FROM JANUARY 1969 UNTIL DECEMBER 1971 AND IS NOW VICE PRESIDENT OF FEDERAL ASSEMBLY AND CHAIRMAN OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CZECHOSLOVAK GROUP OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION.
MARKO SPEAKS ENGLISH.

VILIAM KOZIK, CHAIRMAN OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, HOUSE OF NATION, CZECHOSLOVAK FEDERAL ASSEMBLY, WHO HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST PARTY AFFAIRS.

BOHUSLAV LASTOVICKA, CHAIRMAN OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, HOUSE OF PEOPLE, COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBER SINCE 1931 AND PRAGUE'S FIRST AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW AFTER 1948 COMMUNIST COUP. HE IS NOW 72 YEARS OLD.

3. FOREIGN MINISTRY'S SENIOR WORKING OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR CSCE IS DR. LUDEK HANDL OF DEPARTMENT OF BASIC FOREIGN POLICY QUESTIONS. THIS OFFICE IS IN NO WAY COMPARABLE TO U.S. CSCE COMMISSION. UNFORTUNATELY WE HAVE NO BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON HANDL AS HIS APPOINTMENT TO THAT POSITION IS RECENT.

4. CURRENT HEAD OF CZECHOSLOVAK INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IS KAREL KURKA, FORMER FIRST DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER AND UNTIL DECEMBER, 1976, AMBASSADOR TO PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. KURKA WAS CZECHOSLOVAK REPRESENTATIVE TO U.N. 1958-62 AND SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH.
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